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FOREIGN LITERATURE.

captivité de Napoléon à Sainte-Hélène. Paris, 1830.

(Concluded from our last.)

Of those fears of Napoleon, even in Saint Helena, entertained by the ancient governments of Europe, to which we adverted in our former notice of this curious book, the following conversation with the Marquis de Montchenu, whether real or not, is at least a humorous example:--

que Napoléon ne nourrit point la pensée de s'

échapper?

Je ne le pense pas ; d'ailleurs le pourrait-il? Sur quoi fondez-vous vos prévoyances? L'île est entourée de vaisseaux qui croisent à A mesure que j'entrais, il se faisait une vide la portée du canon; Longwood est cerné par autour de moi; on eût dit qu' un cercle magique une garnison trois fois plus forte que la pru-dence la plus sevère pourrait l'exiger; des nul n'osait y entrer pour ne pas partager les signaux continuels m'avertissent des moindres terribles effets de mon voisinage. mouvements qui ont lieu dans la maison de Lorsque je demandai à un grand dignitaire Napoléon. Je vous le répète, monsieur le d'être admis en la présence du roi, il me reçut

procha de moi d'un air important, de me dit a fusait de me voir. . . . demi-voix :—Certainement il est plus difficile We have been inform pour retourner en Europe par le même chemin to him, that it was his pleasurd où il est venu; mais par la Chine, en signant his capital as soon as might be. un traité offensif et défensif avec l'empereur régnant, auquel il promettrait d'agrandir ses etats aux dépens de la Perse. Une fois en Perse, il grossirait les bataillons chinois des troupes persanes qu' on lui fournirait contre la Russie, qu' il serait sûr de vaincre en s'épaulant sur la Turquie par Constantinople. De Constantinople à Paris il n' y a rien pour un homme aussi entreprenant que Napol on. Les conséquences de cette conquête, je n' ai pas besoin de vous les dire: vous les comprenez; mais voyez l'imminence du danger auquel nous nous exposons en laissant auprès de Napoléon un domestique Lascar, ancien marin habitue à faire le trajet d'ici aux Indes comme vous et moi d'aller à Plantationhouse. Il ne faut qu' un instant, un bateau et du courage!

Sir Hudson Lowe says, that here he burst into a fit of laughter, which indeed it would have been difficult to refrain from doing, yet in

he is made to relate thus: - T' aurais dû, je le comprends aujourd' hui, j' aurais dû m' a mer de patience, ainsi que j' en avais pris la resolu-tion en arrivant dans l' île. J' aurais dû me forger à moi-même un cœur de fer et un front d' airain, pour rester moralement et physiquement impassibles aux outrages, dont l'exercice de mes fonctions cruelles, et mon obsissance toute fanatique aux ordres qui m' étaient transmis, devaient nécessairement me faire abreuver. Mais le naturel l'emporta; et, malgré le phlegme dont je me parais quelquefois, j' étais le plus souvent dans un tel état d' irritation, parlant de moi, j' ai voulu dans ces notes, tracées again I turned, still nothing was visible. It que tout mon système nerveux en souffrait précipitamment, rejeter sur mon gouvernement was impossible that I should not discover any horriblement. Ce fut à la suite d'un de ces l'odieux de ma propre conduite. Y ai-je réussi? person so near me, as the sound appeared to be: emportements terribles, que le baron Sturmer je le peuse, moi : au reste que le lecteur en the moon-light, though not strong, was sufficime prenant le bras, me conduisit devant une décide.

glace, et qu'après m'avoir fait remarquer la hideuse lividité de mes traits et l'affreuse con-Mémorial de Sir Hudson Lowe, relatif à la traction de mes muscles, il s'écria-Regardezvous, monsieur, et dites-moi ce que l' Europe penserait du sort de l'illustre prisonnier de Sainte-Helene, si elle pouvait voir dans un pareil état l' homme à la garde duquel l' Angleterre a jugé à propos de confier Napoléon!

The death of Napoleon and the occurrences which took place at Saint Helena subsequently to his death, are also related, and the book ends with what professes to be an account of the treatment which Sir Hudson Lowe received since his return to Europe. It is not the most Gouverneur, me dit-il, croyez-vous être certain flattering description; his reception in England e Napoléon ne nourrit point la pensée de s' is given as follows: A' peine arrivé à Londres, je me présentai à la cour; mais si-tôt que je parus a Brighton, ce fut dans les salles du pa-lais un murmure d'étonnement et d'horreur.

Toujours mystérieux, M. de Montchenu pas la peine de déguiser; puis, quelques jours fronça les lèvres en signe d' incrédulité, s'ap-

We have been informed, that such indeed was de sortir d' ici que de l' île d' Elbe; mais qui the manner in which he was received in Vienna, peut dire que Napol on n' a pas un projet plus and that Francis of Austria not only refused grand. Par exemple, de s' évader de l' ile, non to him, that it was his pleasure he should quit

His reception in France was cool and civil, but the most insulting event was in the Isle of France, where, on his return from Ceylon, he was pelted and abused, and only saved from the fury of an incensed mob, by the sailors of his ship, the Alexander. Whatever may have be-come in reality of Sir Hudson Lowe, we do not profess to know, but the following is the manner in which this pseudo-auto-biography disposes of him :-- A peine arrivé en Angleterre, je me sauvai sur le continent, dans un asyle ignoré; je quittai le nom de Lowe; et sous celui de Hudson, je vis caché dans une petite ville, éloigne de ce tourbillon du monde et de la politique, où plût au ciel que je ne fusse jamais entré .---C' est de cet asyle obscur et inconnu que je jette au monde ces mémoires : ils sont incomplets sans doute; peut-être n' ils sont incomplets sans uoune; peur-case ai-je pas dit tout ce que j' aurais pu dire sur le distant line of mountains in all the desonance captif dont la garde me fut confiée; mais au majesty of their winter drapery. Above and around, the gull was circling in the air, and around, the gull was circling in the wildly sweet of the real history, he seems to have sometimes moins, dans ce que j' ai dit, on ne m' accusera around, the gull was circling in the air, and acted upon principles scarcely less ridiculous, if he had any.

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We shall follow the Ex-Governor's example, and leave our readers to draw their own conclusions of Sir Hudson Lowe and of his Memorial, and merely remark, that the portrait prefixed, is of a piece with the book, giving the poor man, as we have before hinted, so much the look of an executioner, that it must recall to one's memory, Napoleon's fear of his poisoning a cup of coffee by his looks!

THE FOOTSTEPS ON THE SNOW.

There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

. At length I started up, took a hurried farewell of the family, looked on her for the last time, and departed. It was a bitter night, and I had a long and dreary walk before me, as the snow lay thick and hard frozen on the ground. Notwithstanding, I did not long continue the rapid pace I had commenced with. A thousand mixed and contending emotions crowded on my mind; the general tenor of which, however, was not disagreeable. She appeared better than I had seen her for some time—her spirits were much higher, and what I could not remember without rapture, I was almost persuaded that she had returned a faint pressure when I had taken her hand. I began to flatter myself that her complaint was not so dangerous, so utterly hopeless, as we had fancied-that she had forgiven the offence, whatever it might have been, that had caused her long coolness. Never, since the day when she had first appeared estranged, had she shown me so much kindness. Again I fancied myself at her side; I pictured to myself a reconciliation warm as my love, and sincere as her own pure heart; and I indulged myself in hopes, never alas! to be realized. Wrapt in a reverie of such delight as none but a lover can know, I wandered ou, unconscious of my path, till a sudden turn of the road presented to my eyes a scene of such beautiful surprise, as attracted my attention, meditative as I was. A long expanse of white and dazzling snow spread itself before me, partially illumined by a moon struggling through a sea of fleecy clouds. The advancing tide, which had been strongly ruffled by the breath of a harsh north-easter, was assuming a more tranquil appearance, as the wind sank to repose. Beyand was to be seen, though faintly, the seen crane; while the heavy and unceasing roll of the snow laden billow, was answering among the caverns of the rocks below. Seldom had I viewed a scene so awfully impressive, and the utter solitude and desolation of the prospect added to the effect. Not long, however, could was relapsing fast into reverie, when my attention was suddenly and disagreeably roused by the sound of steps behind. I turned short, myself deceived by the beating of the sea, and again I turned, still nothing was visible. It was impossible that I should not discover any ently so to enable me to distinguish objects at